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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2003, the time for response extending to March 18, 2003 by the accompanying One Month Extension of Time, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the existing rejection in view of Applicant's amendments and remarks below.